## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: VIRTUAL RESOURCES METHOD, SYSTEM, AND SERVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application, as follows:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. The definitions of "virtual resources" and "actual resources" are incorporated into the independent claims, as based on explanation provided in lines 6-8 of page 16 of the specification.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.